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Susumu HONGO et al. : **Confirmation No. 6704**  
Serial No. 10/571,011 : Group Art Unit 3763  
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	AA	6,374,468	4/2002	Cardwell, III et al.			
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	CA	European Search Report issued September 19, 2011 in corresponding EP Divisional Application No. 11005267.7.					
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